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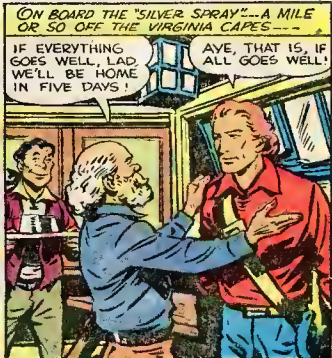
by
VINCENT SULLIVAN



ON BOARD THE "SILVER SPRAY"—A MILE OR SO OFF THE VIRGINIA CAPES—

IF EVERYTHING GOES WELL, LAD, WE'LL BE HOME IN FIVE DAYS!

AYE, THAT IS, IF ALL GOES WELL!

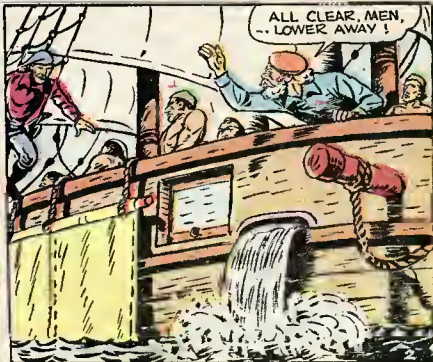
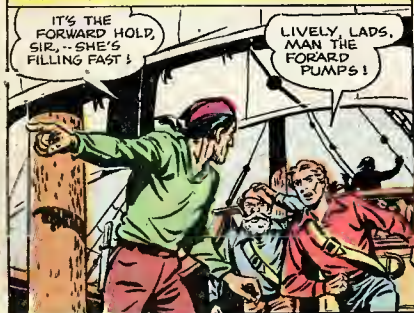


"'TIS ALWAYS CALMEST BEFORE THE STORM"
—AS JON GALLANT, THE CORSAIR, DIS-
COVERS WHEN THE 'SILVER SPRAY' RUNS
AFOUL OF DOUBLE TROUBLE!!

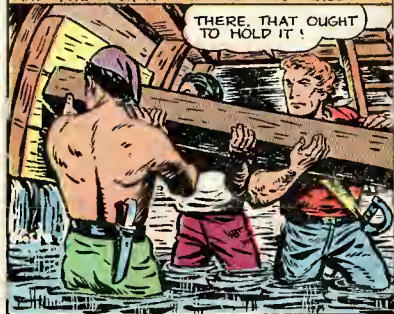
BUT ALL DOESN'T GO WELL FOR SUDDENLY...WITH A LOUD THUMP, THE SHIP LURCHES WILDLY!



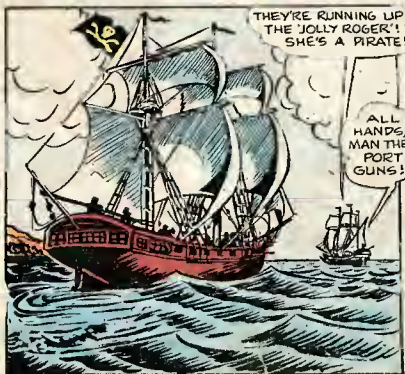
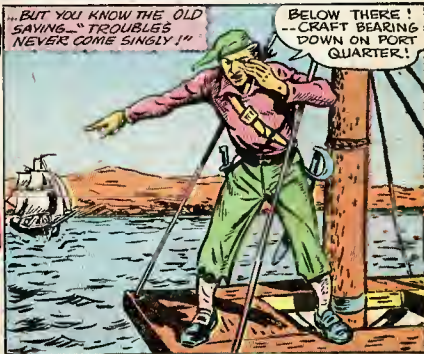
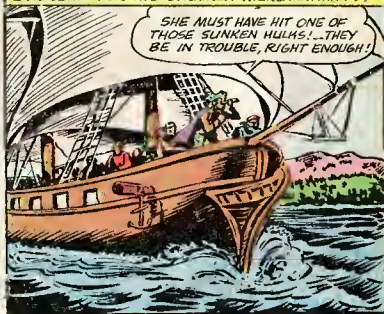
AS JON AND THE SKIPPER DASH OUT ON DECK ONE OF THE CREW RUSHES TO MEET THEM!



A MOMENT LATER... THE FOTHERING MAT HAS DONE ITS WORK... THE WATER SLOWS TO A TRICKLE AND THE SHORING IS JAMMED INTO PLACE!

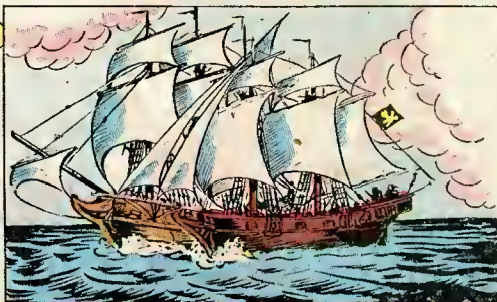


UNNOTICED IN THE EXCITEMENT, A BLACK HULL PUTS OUT FROM SHORE AND MAKES A BEE-LINE STRAIGHT FOR THE STRICKEN MERCHANTMAN!!





TO YOUR PIKES, PISTOLS AND CUTLASSES, LADS, -- MUSKETEERS MAN THE RIGGING! -- THEY'LL FIND US NO ORDINARY MERCHANTMAN!



THE SPEEDY PRIVATEER WASTES NO TIME CLOSING IN, A SUDDEN SWERVE AND THE SHIPS TOUCH SIDES!!

Then...
FOR THE FIRST TIME
IN THE HISTORY
OF HER EPIC VOYAGE --
A PIRATE BOARDING PARTY,
SWARMS OVER
THE GUNWALES
OF THE 'SILVER SPRAY'!



OUT-NUMBERED TWO TO ONE, THE DEFENDERS
OF THE SILVER SPRAY ARE FORCED BACK ---



WHILE EVEN IN THE RIGGING, THE
BATTLE RAGES FURIOUSLY! ---



THE CORSAIR FIGHTS WITH THE FURY OF A MADMAN!
---NO QUARTER ASKED---NO QUARTER GIVEN!



THE CLASH OF STEEL ON STEEL MINGLES WITH
THE SCREAMS OF THE WOUNDED & DYING!



SUDDENLY... FROM THE PIRATE CRAFT!



AS THE BELL CONTINUES TO CLANG, THE PIRATES SUDDENLY ABANDON THE FIGHT AND DASH MADLY FOR THEIR SHIP!!



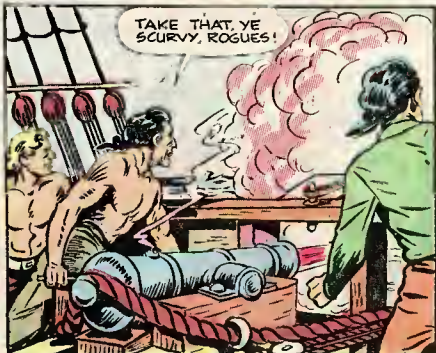
AVAST, YE SWABS, CUT THE LINES!... CAST OFF!!



FOR A MOMENT, THE CORSAIR IS NON-PLUSED---THEN AS THE PIRATE SHIP DRAWS QUICKLY AWAY!



TAKE THAT, YE SCURVY, ROGUES!



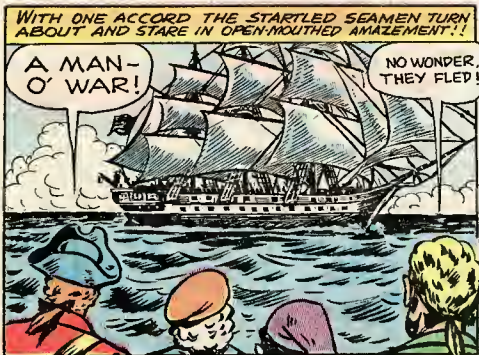
SHOT AFTER SHOT, TEAR THRU THE RIGGING AND STRADDLE THE FLEEING BUCCANEER!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER---

SHE'S OUT OF RANGE, LADS, CEASE FIRING!



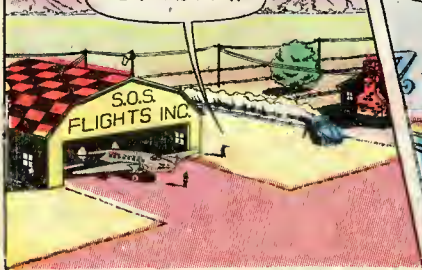


DO YOU LIKE "THE CORSAIR"? IF SO, WRITE AND TELL US! IF NOT--TELL US THAT TOO! AND WHILE YOU'RE AT IT HOW ABOUT TELLING US WHAT FEATURES YOU LIKE BEST IN A-1, AND WHICH LEAST..?

ROGER WRIGHT



HEY, ROGER! HERE COMES
TH' RED-HEADED CARGO
THAT WE DELIVERED TO
THAT "HOSPITAL"
LAST MONTH !!

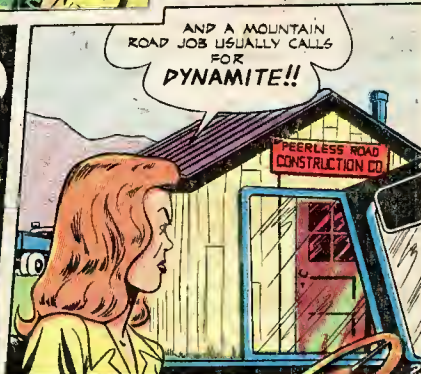
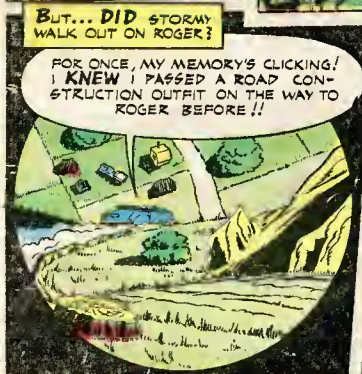
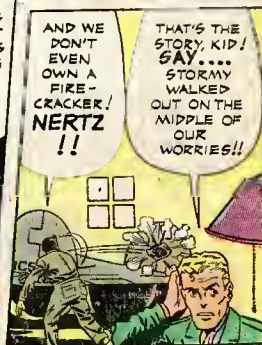
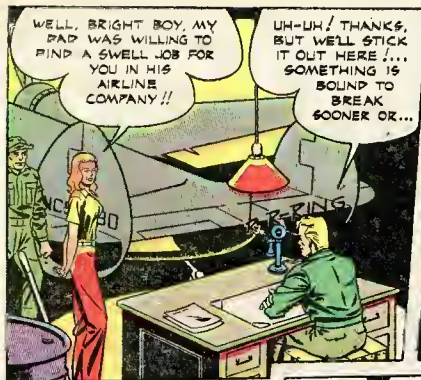


HI, MY HANDSOME
HEROES ! HOW'S
THE RESCUE
BUSINESS ?

BUSINESS...
WOT'S THAT ?

THINGS
AREN'T
TOO
HOT,
STORMY !!





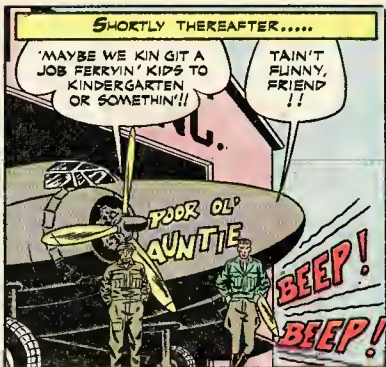
AH! THERE IT IS! WITH MY FATHER'S INFLUENCE, I'LL PROBABLY ONLY GET ABOUT TEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR THIS "BORROWING" MISSION!!



SHORTLY THEREAFTER.....

'MAYBE WE KIN GIT A JOB FERRYIN' KIDS TO KINDERGARTEN OR SOMETHIN'!!

TAIN'T FUNNY, FRIEND!!



STORMY! WHAT...?

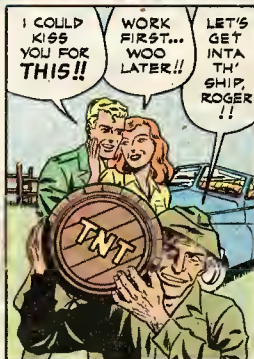
DON'T BE JEALOUS, ROGER, BUT I BROUGHT A "FRIEND" ALONG!!



I COULD KISS YOU FOR THIS!!

WORK FIRST... WOO LATER!!

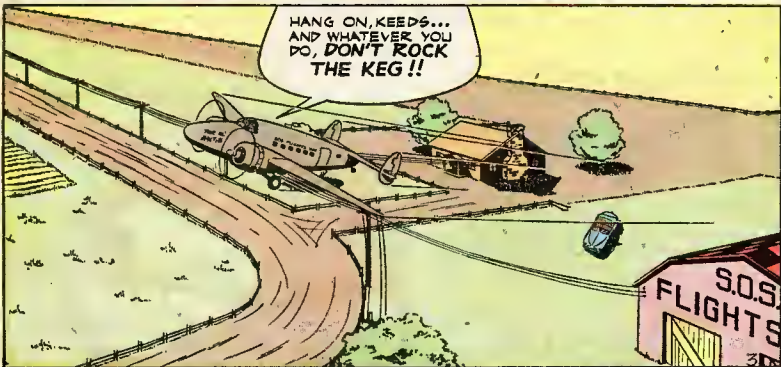
LET'S GET INTO TA TH' SHIP, ROGER!!



R-R-RIGHT! WE'RE ON OUR WAY, NOW!!



HANG ON, KEEPS... AND WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T ROCK THE KEG!!



A HALF HOUR LATER.....

THAT MUST BE IT DOWN
BELOW... THERE'S
THE DAM!!



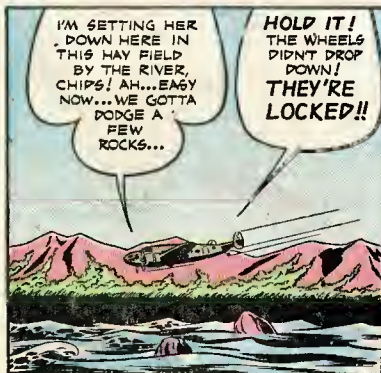
IF WE CAN BLAST
A GULLY AHEAD OF
THE DAM, ALL THE
FLOOD WATER WILL
FLOW HARMLESSLY
ACROSS OPEN
WASTELAND!!

THAT MUST BE
S.O.S. FLIGHTS
COMING
IN NOW!!



I'M SETTING HER
DOWN HERE IN
THIS HAY FIELD
BY THE RIVER,
CHIPS! AH...EASY
NOW...WE GOTTA
DODGE A
FEW
ROCKS...

HOLD IT!
THE WHEELS
DIDN'T DROP
DOWN!
THEY'RE
LOCKED!!



HOW ABOUT
A BELLY
LANDING?

UH-UH...
NOT WITH
A CARGO
LIKE
THIS!!

THE
GEAR WON'T
BUDGE!
BLAZES!!



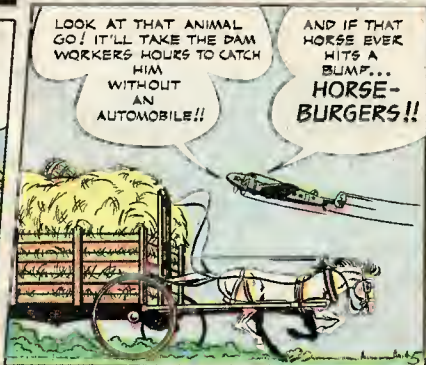
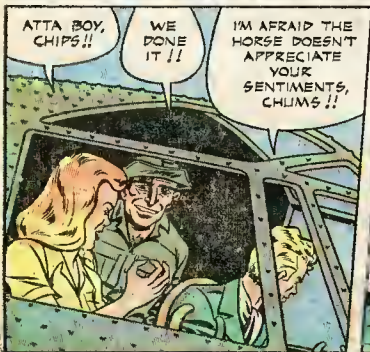
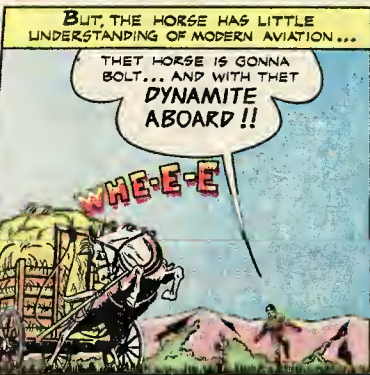
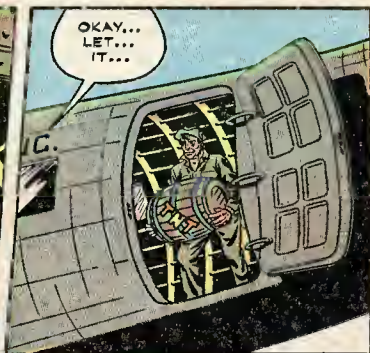
THAT DAM ISN'T GOING TO
HOLD UP MUCH LONGER !!

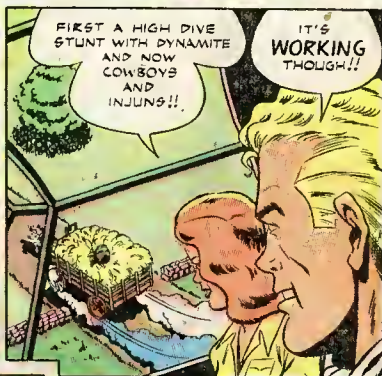
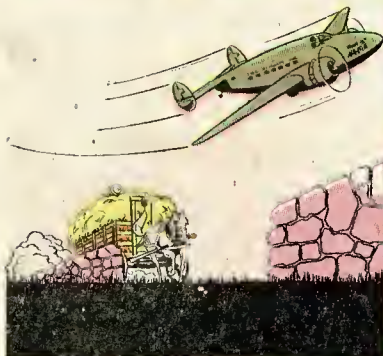
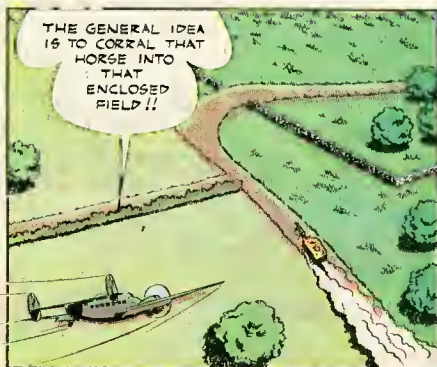
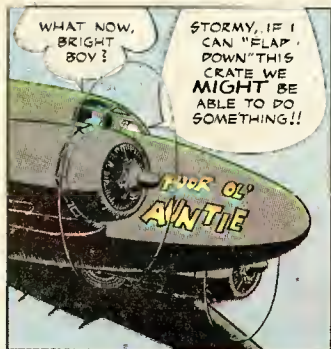


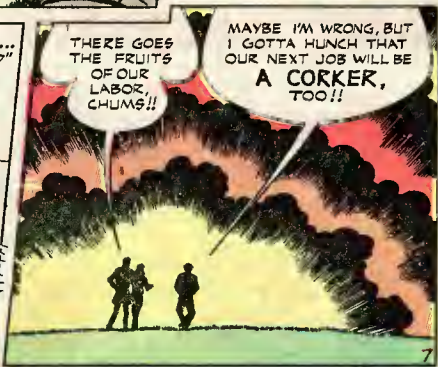
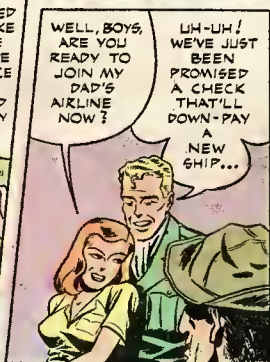
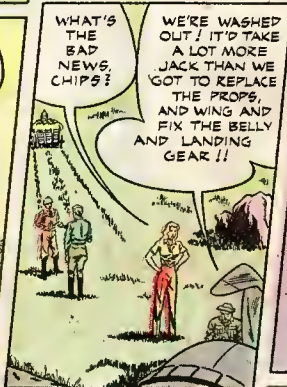
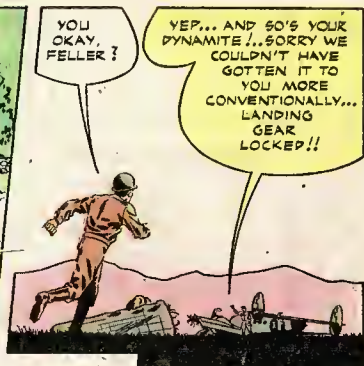
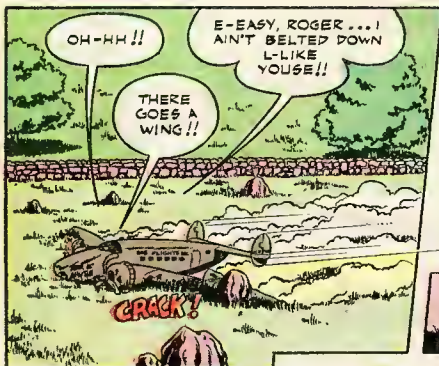
CHIPS!...THINK YOU
COULD DROP A NEEDLE
INTO A
HAYSTACK?

SURE,
ROGER...
HUH?



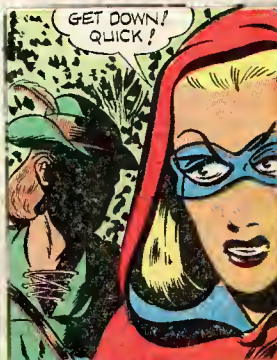


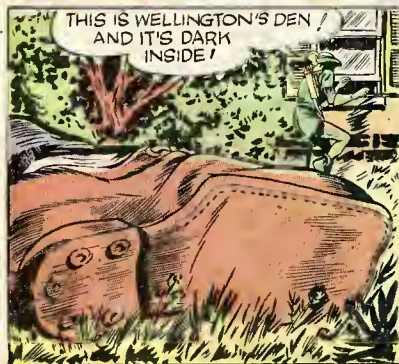


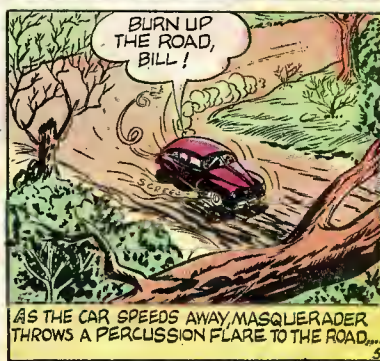
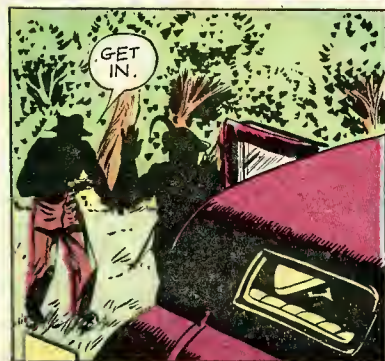
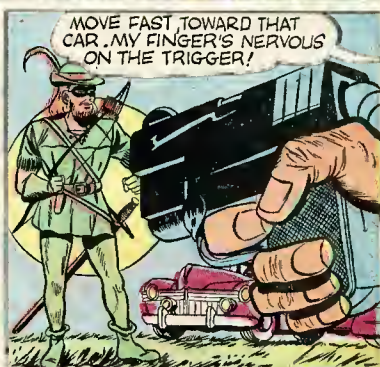


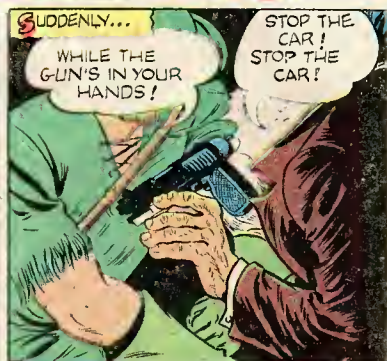
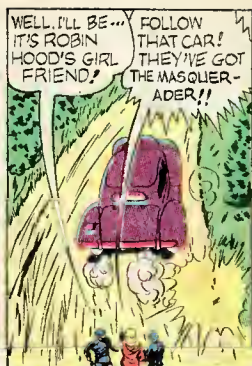


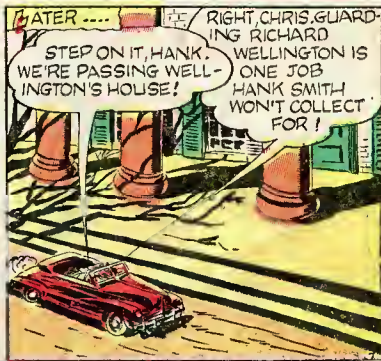
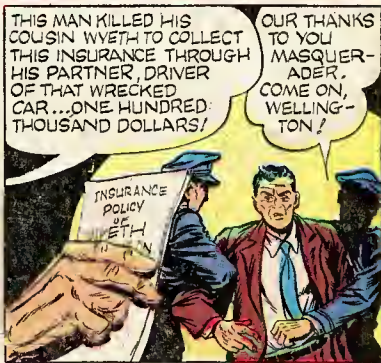
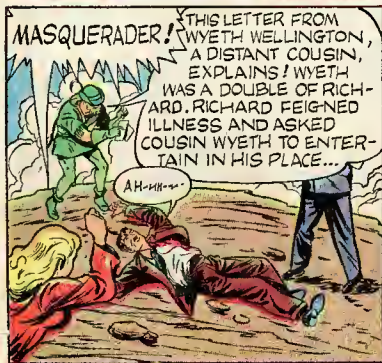




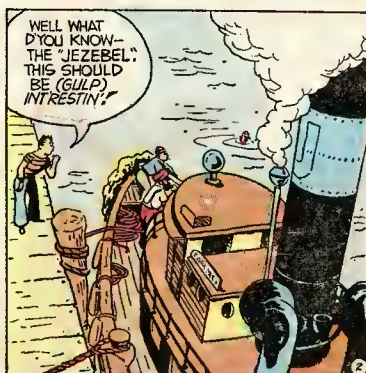
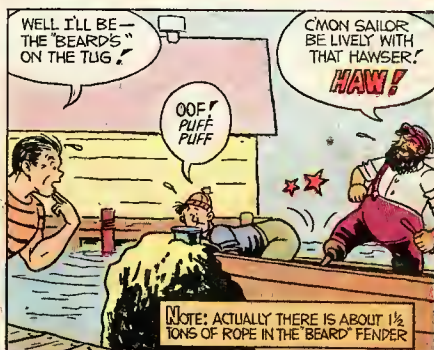




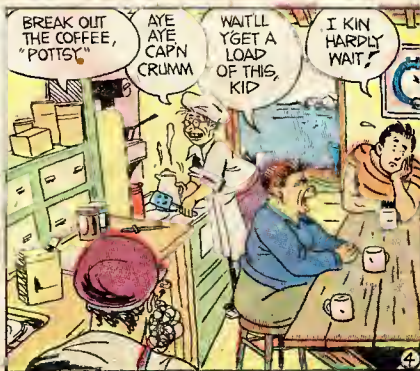
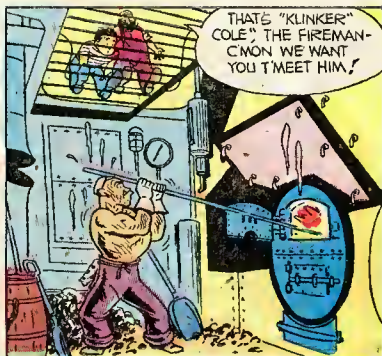
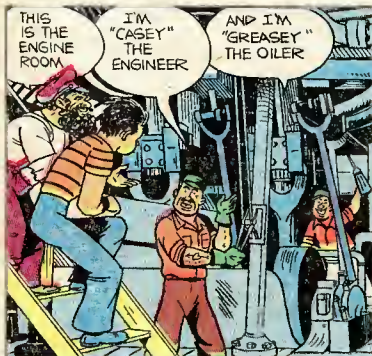


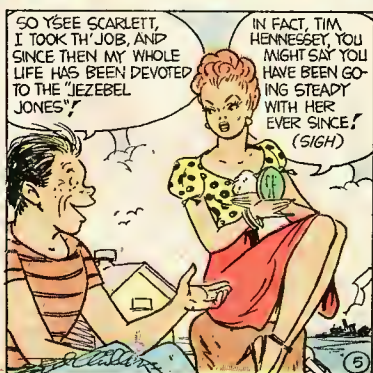
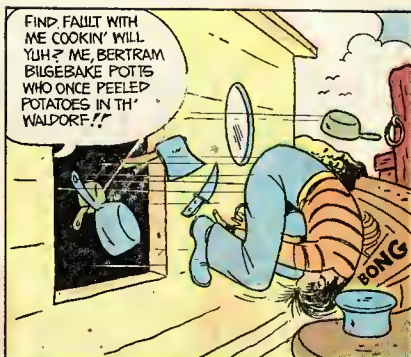












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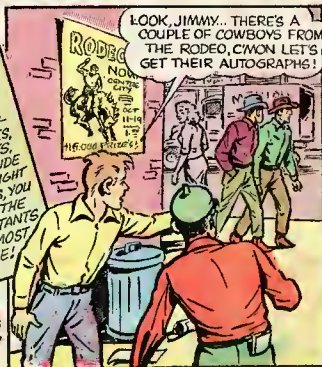
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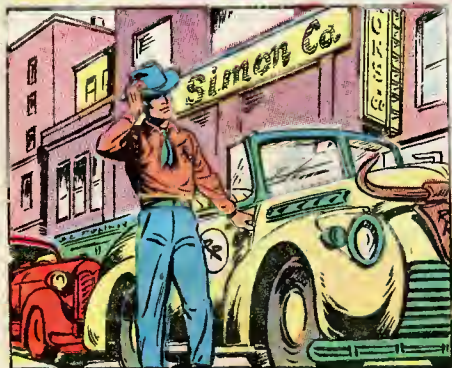


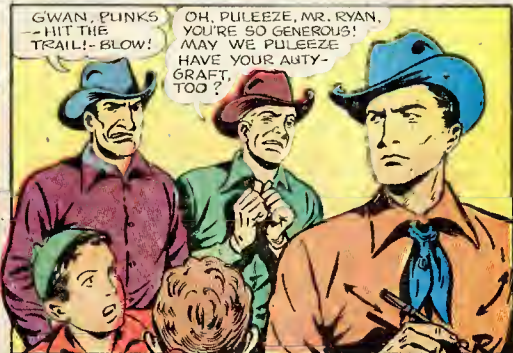
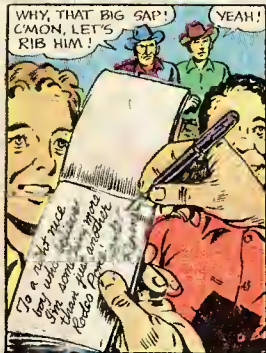
IT IS "RODEO WEEK"
IN CENTRE CITY, THE
THRILLING ATMOSPHERE OF
THE WILD, UNTAMABLE
WEST IS EVERYWHERE!
EVEN THE MOST SEDATE
SHOP WINDOWS DISPLAY
SUCH RUGGED PARAPHER-
NALIA AS STOCK SADDLES,
BOOTS, SPURS, BIG HATS,
ROPPERS AND GAUDY DUDE
RANCH DUDS! WHY RIGHT
ON THE BUSY STREETS, YOU
CAN ACTUALLY SEE THE
TOP-NOTCH CONTENDANTS
OF THE WORLD'S MOST
DANGEROUS GAME!

LOOK, JIMMY... THERE'S A
COUPLE OF COWBOYS FROM
THE RODEO, C'MON LET'S
GET THEIR AUTOGRAPHS!

HEY, MISTERS :!
--HEY, COWBOYS!!







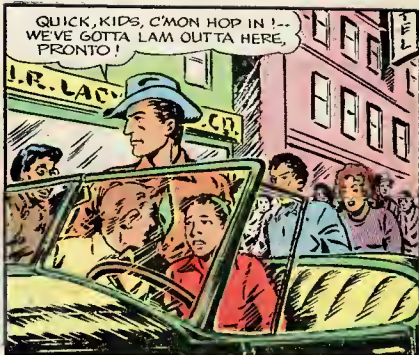
AS A RULE, WHEN SOMEONE STARTS SWINGING, A CROWD STARTS GATHERING AND THIS OCCASION IS NO EXCEPTION!

FIGHT!
FIGHT!

IT'S SOME OF THOSE COWBOYS FROM THE RODEO!



QUICK, KIDS, C'MON HOP IN!-- WE'VE GOTTA LAM OUTTA HERE, PRONTO!



AS 'RODEO RYAN'S CAR PULLS AWAY... A SHORT ARM OF THE LAW ELBOWS HIS WAY THROUGH THE MILLING CROWD:

GET BACK! LET ME THROUGH-- WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE?

IT'S A FIGHT, OFFICER-- A COUPLE OF THEM COWBOYS!



FIGHTING, IS IT? --AND ON A PUBLIC STREET EH?--I'VE A GOOD MIND TO RUIN YE IN!



WHO WAS IT, LADS? I'LL CALL THE STATION AND GET AN ALARM OUT FOR HIM!

NEVER MIND, OFFICER, FORGET IT-- WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM! C'MON 'WINDY'!



A FEW HOURS LATER-- AT THE STADIUM-- THE BAND PLAYS, THE CROWD CHEERS, THE CONTESTANTS PARADE AROUND THE ARENA, THE RODEO IS ON!



* THE FIRST EVENT ON THE PROGRAM WILL BE THE BARE-BACK BRONC RIDING CONTEST, WALTER MURLEY NO. 42 ON HIGHTOWER! KEEP YOUR EYES ON CHUTE NO. SIX! WATCH CHUTE SIX, HERE HE COMES!



RIDE 'IM COWBOY!





"THERE'S THE BUZZER AND HERE COMES THE PICK-UP MAN TO HELP HIM OFF!"

I GOTCHA, BUDDY!



OH, BOY! IT SURE WAS SWELL OF MR. RYAN TO GET US IN FREE, EH, JIMMY?

YOU SAID IT! --HEY GET LOAD OF THE PICK-UP MAN! GEE, HE'S ONE OF THOSE GUYS MR. RYAN SOCKED!



..AND IF YOU LOOK CLOSER, KIDS, --YOU'LL SEE THE ONE ROPING IS NONE OTHER THAN HIS EQUALLY NO-GOOD PAL!

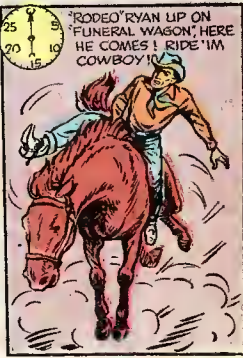


THE NEXT CONTESTANT IS JIM RYAN, BETTER KNOWN AS "RODEO" RYAN NUMBER 7 ON "FUNERAL WAGON"! WATCH CHUTE NUMBER TWO!



THIS IS IT, "BEAK", YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, WONDER BOY IS COMING OUT ON FUNERAL WAGON!

YEAH, I KNOW, AND SOMEBODY IS GOIN' IN ON A STRETCHER!



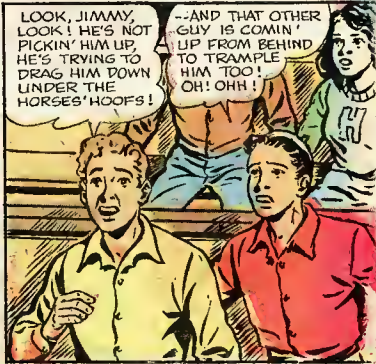
"RODEO" RYAN UP ON "FUNERAL WAGON", HERE HE COMES! RIDE 'IM COWBOY!



TEN SECONDS LATER... BUUUH! THERE'S THE BUZZER, HE RODE 'IM!

GREAT RIDE, WONDER BOY.. BUT THE ONLY PRIZE YOU'RE GONNA GET IS A FLOCK OF HOOFS IN YER FACE!

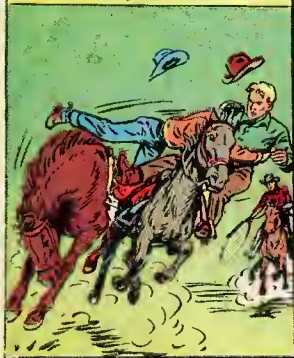
WHY, YOU--



LOOK, JIMMY, LOOK! HE'S NOT PICKIN' HIM UP, HE'S TRYING TO DRAG HIM DOWN UNDER THE HORSES' HOOFS!

--AND THAT OTHER GUY IS COMIN' UP FROM BEHIND TO TRAMPLE HIM TOO! OH! OHH!

BUT... "RODEO" MAKES A WILD DIVE AT "WINDY'S" MIDDLE AND PROVES THAT THE BEST LAID PLANS OF NICE AND--RATS, DO OFT GO AWRY!



LEAPING QUICKLY TO HIS FEET... "RODEO" TURNS AROUND LIKE A CAT AND WITH A SUDDEN LUNGE, HE GRABS THE VICIOUS ROPER BY THE LEG--



STRETCHER BEARERS! STRETCHER BEARERS!



AND "BEAK'S" PREDICTION COMES TRUE-- SOMEBODY DOES GO IN ON A STRETCHER!



"YEP, IT WAS ALL OVER IN A JIFFY, JUST LIKE THAT! --"BEAK" AND "WINDY" WENT TO JAIL FOR ATTEMPTED FELONIOUS ASSAULT-- AND ME, I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO WIN FIRST MONEY, SO I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN SOON IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF **A-1 Comics!**" "Rodeo" Ryan."

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OFF AND I'VE GOT A RUBBER
MOLD OF THE INDIAN.

WHAT
DO YOU
DO WITH
THAT?



JUST FOUR MODELING
POWDER INTO IT, THEN
WHEN IT DRIES, I
REMOVE THE RUBBER.

DOES THAT
MAKE A CAST
OF THE INDIAN?



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